

**Postal Regulatory Commission**  
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

NOTICE OF FILING UNDER 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)

TO THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE:

Please take notice that on December 28, 2011, the Commission received two petitions for review of the Postal Service's determination to close the Hope post office located in Hope, Minnesota. The first petition for review received December 28, 2011, was filed by Ed Nelson. The second petition for review received December 28, 2011, was filed by Marcia Dahle. The earliest postmark date is December 16, 2011.

This notice is advisory only and is being furnished so that the Postal Service may begin assembling the administrative record in advance of any formal appeal proceedings held upon the alleged (closing/consolidation) for transmittal pursuant to 39 CFR § 3001.113(a) (requiring the filing of the record within 15 days of the filing with the Commission of a petition for review). The Postal Service's administrative record is due no later than January 12, 2012.

  
Shoshana M. Grove  
Secretary

Date: January 5, 2012

Attachment



# Steele County Trail Association, Inc.



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Dec 16, 2011

Dear Postal Regulatory Commission

Closing the Hope, MN 56046 post office will not make any difference to the whole miss managed system. It's always the little towns that have to give in/up.

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Ed Nelson  
Steele County Trail Assn.

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December 17, 2011

Postal Regulatory Commission  
901 New York Ave NW  
Suite 200  
Washington DC 20268-0001

Re: Proposed Closing of the Hope (MN) Post Office

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the residents in the Hope, MN area to make an appeal that you do not close the Hope Post Office. I am a resident of Owatonna, MN which is approximately 15 miles from Hope. Although I do not regularly use the Hope Post Office, I did on this date make the drive to Hope to mail my 100 Christmas cards in order that they could be postmarked "HOPE, MN." It is such a unique postmark, and given that it is Christmas, and also that what our world needs more of is hope for the future, I felt that I wanted my cards to be postmarked as such.

It is my "hope" that something can be done so that many of these smaller post offices will not have to be closed. As I looked around the Hope Post Office—and I might add that it has a tiny little lobby and service window—I saw two other local customers utilizing the services of this post office. It will be a sad day if these folks no longer have this post office in their community and it will be missed by those of us who take our mail to Hope, MN in order to obtain a special postmark for special occasions. Please reconsider the closing of this post office.

Sincerely,



Marcia Dahle  
223 South Street  
Owatonna, MN 55060

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